1 BEFORE THE LAND USE HEARINGS OFFICER 2 FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH 3 *In re:* Appeal of Notice of Decision T2-2022 4 5537 dated June 30, 2022 ) Case No. T2-2022-5537 5 DECLARATION OF APPELLANT **NICK ROSSI** 6 7 1. 8 My name is Nick Rossi. I am over the age of 18 years, a resident of Clackamas County, 9 Oregon, and competent to testify to these matters if called to do so. I make this declaration based 10 on my own personal knowledge. 11 2. 12 I am a member of CS Reeder LLC, the owner of the parcel located at 22140 NW Reeder 13 Road, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon (Tax Lot 2N1W04-00900, property ID #R324793). 14 My sister Angela Schillereff is the member/ manager of CS Reeder LLC. 15 3. 16 We applied to Multnomah County for permission to build a barn. We were told by Planning 17 staff that we needed to file an application for a Lot of Record Verification in order to build a barn, 18 so we did so. 19 4. 20 At the time of the purchase of the property, we were unaware of the "lot aggregation" 21 provisions of the Multnomah County Zoning Code, and only learned of them in the adverse Staff 22 Decision dated June 30, 2022. 23

5. 1 We have ongoing, active agricultural operations occurring on this farm parcel intended to 2 3 make a profit. Specifically, we raise a number of cattle, and grow and harvest hay. 6. 4 Having a barn is absolutely necessary for our farm operation. The barn is needed to store 5 and protect our tractor and related farm equipment and machinery from thieves and wet weather, 6 as well as maintain and repair the tractor and equipment. 7 7. 8 9 The barn is also necessary to store and dry harvested hay so it will be ready and available in the wintertime for cattle feed. Hay is less expensive in the summer and spring, but becomes 10 quite expensive in the wintertime. For this reason, it is necessary to build up and store a large 11 supply of hay safe from the elements and rodents. 12 8. 13 Without a barn to serve these crucial farm functions, it is doubtful that our farm will remain 14 financially viable. It is my belief and experience that every farm needs a barn. 15 9. 16 Done under penalty of perjury of the laws of the state of Oregon. Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of 17 August, 2022, in Clackamas County, Oregon. 18 19 DocuSigned by: 20 21 22 23